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SUBJECT: FNM – FNM – The National Organization of Professional Black Natural Resources Conservation Service Employees Training Conference

Purpose. To provide information.

Expiration Date. September 30, 2009.

Action Required By: October 17, 2008

The National Organization of Professional Black Natural Resources Conservation Service Employees (NOPBNRCSE) will host its 16th Annual Training Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, at the Hilton Atlanta, 255 Courtland Street, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, December 8-12, 2008. This year's theme is "Conservation as a Public Policy: One Purpose, One Passion - Sustaining Our Natural Resources."

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) encourages its employees to take advantage of career development and professional enhancement opportunities through training subject to the availability of resources, agency funds, and work priorities.

Employees desiring to attend this conference should reference bulletin; MN-360-8-10, subject: *NRCS Employees Participation in Outside Organizations* for the procedure to request participation in this event. Supervisors should ensure that employees request for STC approval for attendance are submitted and received at the state office no later than close of business October 17, 2008. Employees approved by the STC for attendance will be notified through their supervisors, and their names will be submitted on Form SCS-FNM-72, Meeting Attendance Approval by Bryan Welp, Budget Officer, by October 21, 2008, to NHQ for final approval.

The early registration fee is \$300.00 and is due November 3, 2008. Registration forms and other conference information can be printed from the NOPBNRCSE website nopbnrcse.org.

A block of rooms has been reserved under the group code "**NOPBNRCSE**" at the rate of 99.00 per night through November 25, 2008. The phone number for the hotel is (404) 659-2000. Rooms are available **now** through November 25, 2008.

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